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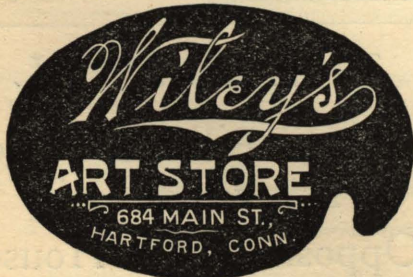
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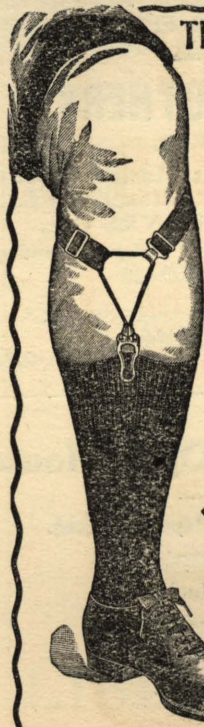
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EDITORIALS

WE wish to congratulate the basketball team on the record which they have made during the season which has recently closed. The team has shown itself in many respects superior to any basketball team of recent years, and although we did not win the league pennant, we put up a good "rub" for it. This year's basketball has brought out a number of good men, and although some of our best men will graduate soon, the prospects are still excellent for another good quintet. In speaking of basketball victories, it is interesting to note than in the last issue of the TABLET there were recorded five basketball victories, three won by the 'varsity and two by the freshmen team. In addition to this we defeated Wesleyan in the meet. Six victories and no defeats. It's a good showing.

NOW that the weather has permitted, the baseball team begins the season's work. Anyone who has been out to see the team practice need feel no discouragement for the prospects of the nine. We have this year all the essentials of a winning team, a good captain, a good coach, and a good lot of candidates. It only remains for the men to work hard for a short time to get into shape for a winning season. But there is one more thing the squad must have before they do their best, and that is the backing of the undergraduates. This is an old story, but it needs repeating. The baseball season is about to begin. Now let's go out and give the team a good send-off. Come out to the daily practice. The men will work harder if they know the students are interested, and when you have nothing better to do, hunt up the manager of the team and see if he will accept some financial support. It rests with the college now to put the team through in good shape.

* * *

NOW that the in-door meet is a thing of the past for this year, the attention of all the undergraduates will be turned toward the coming field meet. For several years we have had the same old cut and dried events in our athletic contents. True, most of these events are of interest to all, but the introduction of a new event now and then would certainly be a welcome addition to our regular contests. Would it not be a good idea, therefore, to introduce a set of relay races in our coming inter-class track meet? Each class could furnish a strong team for such an event, and it would do much towards promoting class spirit and enthusiasm. Another feature of this plan would be that it would enable the track team captain to pick a college relay team which would represent Trinity in such events against other colleges. It is hoped that this suggestion will receive the favorable consideration of the Athletic Association.

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WE wish to call the attention of the students and the friends of the college to the advertisements in our publications, THE TABLET and the *Ivy*. Many of the business men are very reluctant to take advertisements, because, they say, the students do not

patronize them. In many cases trade is carried elsewhere which might go to the business houses which aid us in getting out our publications. It will take but a minute's thought to realize that it is natural for these men to expect our trade when they advertise for it. We ask the students in general to bear this in mind and whenever it is possible take trade to advertisers.

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FOR the benefit of those readers of the *College Signal* who happened to notice a recent attack on the athletics of Trinity, THE TABLET would like, not to enter into an undignified controversy of mud throwing, but to make clear a few facts taken from the rules of basketball. The referee, in the recent basketball game, did not take the decision of the unofficial time-keeper, but ascertained from the official time-keeper, by his own admission, that he failed to count time in until after the referee had blown his whistle and ordered play to continue. As a matter of fact the Amherst "Aggies," (pardon me) Massachusetts official time-keeper at one place took out 45 seconds, when by the referee's own count only five seconds had elapsed between whistles. Referring to the place in the editorial where the authority of the referee's decision is questioned, Rule VII., Sec. 10, explains that the, "Referee is the superior officer of the game and shall decide all questions not definitely falling to the umpires."

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"IS Professor Robb really going to leave Trinity?" This is the question that has been asked and re-asked by every undergraduate of the college, time and again, during the past few weeks. It seemed as though the students were unable or unwilling to believe the evidence of their senses. But gradually the fact has been realized,—that Dr. William Lisenard Robb has indeed resigned his position as Professor of Physics at Trinity College. Dr. Robb has held this position for seventeen years, and during this time he has built up the department of physics, until at present it is surpassed by that of few colleges; has made a national reputation for himself as an authority on electricity, and has proved himself one

of the most substantial friends the students have ever had on the faculty. The loss which the college will suffer by his departure will be almost beyond estimation. Dr. Robb's reputation as a physicist was beginning to draw many men to Trinity. In these days of specialists it is not so much the college as the prominent professor that attracts the student, and we fear that Dr. Robb's position will be hard to refill. At least, we can wish him success in his new position, and hope that what he has done at Trinity may be but the good beginning for what he may do in the future.

THE ANTI-TRUST MOVEMENT

THEY were leaning over the rail watching the dark water slide by, shining under the rays of the full moon which shone above the ship. It was the third day out from Southampton. He had met her at dinner the first evening out, and there had been introduced to her mother, a charming old lady, who showed in her every word and action, the refinement of a southern woman. Her name was Comyn, Ethel Comyn, as he had found by looking over the passenger list. To-night as he had strolled with her up and down the deck he realized more strongly than ever, that which he had tried to disprove to himself, that he was in love with the girl. More than that, he felt that he must say something, and then on second thought it occurred to him how foolish it would seem to her, to hear him speak of love, and he had known her but three days. The girl began to speak.

"Do you know, Mr. Thurston, you have always been a sort of a mystery to me; that is in the three days I have known you," she added with a little laugh.

"I am sure I cannot see why," he replied.

"Well I suppose you don't, but somehow I can't seem to understand you. Mr. Wilton had to leave the ship so soon after he introduced you to me, that I hardly more than understood your name."

"Well?" he asked, as he glanced down at the water again.

"Now don't you see how it is? I have met you and that is all. Please forgive me if I am rude, but I don't understand so many

things that you do. For instance, who was that gentleman whom you spoke to when you first came aboard, and whom you have not recognized since, although he always seems to be near you? Why do you keep yourself so much alone? Why do you seem to avoid people?"

"Indeed, Miss Comyn, these are quite puzzling questions, I must admit, but really I cannot answer them, at least not yet. Some time you may understand what seems to you very strange just now."

"Well," with a little laugh, "it seems as though you were on a peculiar errand, when you act so strangely. I remember Mr. Wilton seemed surprised to see you."

"Naturally Wilton was. He didn't know I was aboard."

There was a long silence, and then Miss Comyn said: "Really I think it is getting rather late, I must go in, but before we go I want to ask you to forgive me for my rudeness in asking you so many questions, but you know how weak we women are when it comes to curiosity."

"Pray do not mention it," Thurston answered, "I cannot blame you, for there are a number of others who would like the same questions answered. Good night."

In the smoking room Thurston was enjoying a cigar before retiring, and reflecting on the evening's talk. "She certainly is peculiar," he said to himself. "The strange part of it is that I don't know how to straighten things out. Take that conversation we had last evening. She said that she couldn't understand how a woman could marry a man who was wealthy, when she was not. Now it's plain to see that Miss Comyn is not so very well off, and I—well,—. She's quite a political economist, too, and says that all kinds of financial combinations and trusts are harmful. Suppose I said that,—whew!"

The next evening they were strolling together on the deck, and by carefully directing the conversation, Thurston had brought it around to what he most wished to hear her talk about.

"So, Miss Comyn, you do not think a man who is not wealthy should marry a girl who is?"

"Generally speaking, no. In nine cases out of ten there is very little love in it, and one is marrying the other for his or her fortune."

How it came about Thurston did not know, but the next moment he had seized her hand and was telling her all that he had kept within himself for the days he had known her. She did not answer him for a moment, and he was about to speak again when she looked up at him. There was that in her eyes which said more than words, and he understood.

A few minutes later she said, "Don't you think it is fair now for you to tell me all about yourself. I know you for what you are to me, but tell me what you are to the world."

"I am not so sure that it would be safe," he replied, smiling, "You know I have heard some of your principles and if I told you all about myself you might feel differently."

"As if you didn't know that such a thing were impossible—now," she added with a little smile.

"Well," he said slowly, "I have heard all you have had to say against trusts, and 'things like that,' as you call them, so I am running a risk, but here is one of my business cards. If I had not been traveling incognito, you would have known before," and he handed her a bit of paste-board. On it was engraved, "William Francis Thurston, President National Electric Company, Consolidated."

The girl looked at him for a moment.

"I don't think trusts are such dreadful things after all," she said.

COLLEGE AND CAMPUS

ON Monday, March 4, the baseball team began work in the cage in the gymnasium. A large squad was on hand for the first practice, including a number of men who have played on the team before. About a week later the team was able to get out of doors for batting practice, and coach Lush began trying out the men for the various positions. There are several vacancies on the team left by last year's graduates, but the material which has come out for the team promises to fill them satisfactorily.

Gymnasium instructor Velte has received a letter from the *New York Herald* asking for pictures and statistics of the two strongest men in col-

lege, who will represent Trinity at the intercollegiate strength tests. E. S. Merriam, 1902, will be one of the men, and the other will probably be Henderson, 1902.

On Sunday, March 9, the special preacher in the college chapel was the Rev. William Woodruff Niles, bishop of New Hampshire. The bishop preached at the morning service, and delivered a short address at the service in the afternoon. The text for his sermon in the morning was, I Kings, iii : 1, " And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David." The preacher illustrated by the character of Solomon, the way in which sin gradually takes hold of a man. He spoke of the auspicious beginning of Solomon's reign, and of the flourishing condition of the kingdom, as left by his father David. Then began his downfall, which was little at first, being only a transgression of the letter of the law and not of the spirit. This was only the beginning, and later Solomon reached a degree of disregard for the law, of which he had never conceived at first. The preacher spoke of those who, like Solomon, were inclined to think that a good deed offsets an evil one, as Solomon was building the great temple at the time of his moral downfall. He said that all men were more or less alike, few being very good and few very bad. Sin at first makes more self-deceivers than real hypocrites. In conclusion he spoke of the need of throwing off sin from its very beginning, before the hold on the soul became too strong, "so that at the end, bourn up by the strength of the Holy Spirit, we may at last attain victory and peace."

The football coach for next year will be F. S. Bacon, '99. Last year's coach was Garish Newell of Harvard, but the management of the team has decided to place a Trinity man in charge this year. Bacon when in college played guard on the football team, and has a thorough knowledge of the game. He is at present in the Yale Law School but will graduate this year, and intends to practice law in Hartford. The team will begin work under the new coach early in the Fall, and the men will be in good shape for their first game. The captain of the team is T. J. M. Syphax, and the manager E. C. Thomas.

On March 11, Professor F. S. Graves of the Yale Forestry School, delivered a lecture in Alumni Hall, his subject being, " Problems of American Forestry." In beginning his address, the lecturer spoke of forestry and irrigation as being national problems for this country. He stated the objects of scientific forestry, as being the regulation of water supply and the furnish-

ing of timber for commercial use. He pointed out the measures which had been adopted by European countries to protect their forests, and spoke of the need for the same thing which exists in this country. After referring to the action which had already been taken by the various states and the national government in regard to the matter, he took up the question of the regulation of the timber supply. Reference was made to the modern destructive methods of lumbering, and the need of some strict regulation. In the West, much valuable timber land has been destroyed, either by fires due to carelessness, or by destructive lumbering. The problem of re-foresting the West is the one which now confronts the government. Our present consumption of timber is entirely out of proportion to the supply which we have. The lecturer gave a number of statistics to illustrate this, mentioning among others, that the annual consumption of wood for railroad cross-ties was three billion feet. The total consumption of wood in this country is 350 cubic feet annually per capita, being five times the amount used in Germany, and nine times that of England. In conclusion the lecturer spoke of the need of men in the new profession, and of the future of forestry in the United States. He said that under competent management we need have no fear for the loss of our forests, and that with the success which is promised, "the time is not far off when few countries will accomplish more with their forests than the United States."

On March 13, a meeting of the 1903 *Ivy* board was held. Nearly all the department work has been completed and the book will go to press in a very short time.

The award of the Toucey scholarship has been made to Philip Llewellyn Lightbourn, of St. Georges, Bermuda. Lightbourn is a member of the sophomore class, which he entered this year by taking special examinations. He prepared for Trinity at St. Paul's School, Concord, and is studying for orders. He is a member of the Phi Kappa chapter of the fraternity of Alpha Delta Phi.

The Opher Copper Company has given \$400 to the college library to be used in the purchase of scientific books. The money was given through W. McA. Johnson, '99, who is doing experimental work for the company in the college laboratories.

New Britain High School has been admitted to the Trinity Inter-scholastic Football League. There are now five schools in the league, and more will probably join before the season begins.

On March 17, the under classes had their customary contest on the college campus. The freshmen hung their class banner out the night before, and the sophomores were unable to reach it, as the halyards by which it had been drawn up the pole had been cut. After chapel the freshmen started to parade around the campus, and the sophomores, although outnumbered two to one, made an attack on them. The scrimmage lasted about a half hour, being witnessed by the whole college. During the day the banner hung unmolested, but in the evening it disappeared from the flag pole. This is the first time that the freshmen have won such a decided victory, but it was partly due to the fact that their pennant was hung on the college flag pole, which has always been considered neutral ground. This part of the freshmen's program was censured by many of the men, and if they had maintained their colors in any other place, the victory would have been much more to their credit.

The Trinity College Alumni Association of Hartford held a meeting at Hotel Hartford on Wednesday-evening, March 19, President W. S. Schutz presiding. About thirty were present. The following resolutions were adopted :

WHEREAS, Dr. William Lisperard Robb, for seventeen years professor of physics in Trinity College, has received a call to the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N. Y., where exceptional advantages are offered to him for the development of the department of electricity, in which he has become a recognized authority ;

We, the members of the Trinity College Alumni Association of Hartford, feeling that a very great loss will be sustained by our college from the departure of Professor Robb, and desiring to express our sincere appreciation of the splendid work he has done in the various branches of the department of physics, especially in electricity ;

Do Resolve, That our sincere and cordial thanks be expressed to Professor Robb for his untiring efforts in behalf of the college which have resulted in the establishment of a department of physical and electrical science fully abreast of the times, and far in advance of similar departments in many of our sister colleges. We gratefully recognize that owing to the wide reputation achieved by him many students have been attracted to our college, and many graduates, by reason of his careful training, have been enabled to secure advantageous positions and spread the influence of the college.

We deeply regret that Professor Robb feels constrained to sever his con-

nection with our institution, but we desire to express to him our good wishes for his future success in the department of learning in which he has become so eminent, and we heartily congratulate the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute upon having secured his valuable services.

We Further Resolve, That these resolutions be spread at length upon our minutes, and that the secretary be instructed to send a copy of them to Professor Robb.

The election of the basketball team captain for next year was held on March 22, and resulted in a unanimous ballot being cast for Harold Clifton Van Weelden of Babylon, Long Island. Van Weelden is a member of the junior class, and prepared for Trinity at the Babylon High School, where he played on the football team. In his freshman year at college he did not play on any of the teams, and in his sophomore year he began playing on the 'varsity basketball team. Although he had never played before, he showed such marked ability in basketball that this year he became one of the regular players on the team, and was a strong factor in every victory. He also played on the college football team last fall, filling the position of fullback and half. In the recent in-door meet Van Weelden distinguished himself in several events, particularly the dash and the high jump. On the basketball team he plays left guard, and is one of the fastest men on the team. He plays a very fast passing game, and his good blocking ability makes him an excellent guard. Van Weelden is a member of the Phi Psi chapter of the fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho.

The Whitlock oratorical contest was held on Saturday evening, March 22, in Alumni Hall. Thomas McBlain Steele, 1902, of Geneva, N. Y., was awarded the first prize of \$30, and Edmund Crawford Thomas of Tamaqua, Pa., the second prize of \$20. Both men spoke on the same subject, "The Character and Career of Aaron Burr." Steele discussed the life of Burr from the historical side, and described the career of the great statesman at some length. Thomas spoke more of the character of the man as shown in his political career. The three other speakers were, Morba, 1902, McCook, 1902, and Golden, 1903. The judges for the evening were the Rev. Herman Lilienthal, the Rev. Harmon Potter, and Mr. Arthur Shipman,

TRISTRAM AND ISOLDE

THEY drank, and in that cup of magic brew
Found all perfection both of love and grief;
And though no bridal crown of myrtle leaf
Their brows in life for benediction knew,
Yet not the less unwavering, firm and true
Their love was borne o'er rock and hidden reef
Through life's tempestuous voyage dark but brief,
To sunnier lands beyond the skyline's blue.

But when all life was fading on their sight,
When strange new stars arose in deadly night,
One rapture at the last outweighed the pain:
Close in the presence and the grasp of death
Love found Nirvana in their latest breath,
And they were one to never part again.

Hervey Boardman Vanderbogart.

ATHLETICS

WATERBURY Y. M. C. A. 26, TRINITY 23

TRINITY was defeated by Waterbury Thursday night, Feb. 27, by the score of 26-23. As the game was played in Waterbury, and as Waterbury has one of the fastest basketball teams in the state, the showing of the team was most creditable. At no time did Waterbury obtain a safe lead, and the game was made most exciting by Trinity's hard fight to obtain the lead in the scoring. The blocking of both teams was very strong, as was the passing. Trinity slightly excelled in the later respect. For Trinity Henderson and Crane played their usual strong game, while the rest of the team ably seconded their efforts.

TRINITY 24, WESLEYAN 22

TRINITY defeated her old rival, Wesleyan, in Middletown, March 4, by the score of 24-22. The baskets were set up somewhat below the regulation height and this seemed to bother Trinity in her goal throwing. About the only thing that made the game exciting was its closeness, as it was poorly played throughout. Wesleyan was very anxious to win, and worked hard, but the Trinity guards had no difficulty in blocking their efforts,

while Trinity passed all around Wesleyan, but was unable to locate the baskets with any accuracy. Many fine passing plays were marred by failure to make the tries for goal successful. Trinity has now defeated Wesleyan in two contests this year, the other event being the In-door Invitation Track Meet.

DARTMOUTH 40, TRINITY 33

TRINITY played her last game of the intercollegiate basketball series, March 7. The game was played in Hanover, and only by a whirl-wind finish did Dartmouth win the victory. The game started off at a fast pace with Trinity having slightly the better of the argument, and it looked as though Dartmouth was going to be beaten for the second time in two years in her own gymnasium. At the end of the first half the score stood 22-19 in favor of Trinity. The playing grew faster and faster, but Trinity held the lead by the score of 33-28 up to the last two minutes of play. Then Trinity went to pieces, Dartmouth in that time throwing four goals, making the final score 40-33 in favor of Dartmouth. Up to this point Trinity had played a strong blocking game, but when Dartmouth started on her last rush Trinity was unable to hold the pace.

THE annual indoor interclass gymnasium meet was held in the Trinity College gymnasium on Friday evening, March 21. A good-sized audience was present and the events were heartily applauded by the men. The dash proved a close race, the final heat being almost a tie. In the pole vault Merriam tried for the college record, but failed to make it by a very narrow margin. In the fence vault Hill tried to break his former record of 6 feet, 11 inches, but failed by less than two inches. In the middle of the program Professor Luther asked the attention of the audience while he read the following letter:

To the Athletic Association of Trinity College:—

GENTLEMEN:—I ask the privilege of presenting to your association a silver trophy to promote the interests of outdoor athletics, under the following general conditions:—

1. The trophy to be and to remain the property of the association, and to be in the custody of its president.

2. The trophy is to be awarded annually on a scale of values to be determined by a committee chosen from the athletic committee of the faculty and of your association, to that student of Trinity College who shall make the best record in some intercollegiate meet or meets; the name of the winner to appear permanently upon a bar attached to the trophy.

3. The trophy to bear the name of George Sheldon McCook, a former student of Trinity College, and, during his happy life here, a lover of outdoor sports. Yours very truly,

J. J. McCook.

The reading of the letter was followed by three college cheers for Professor McCook. It is understood that the new trophy will be in the form of a solid silver cup.

The remainder of the evening's program followed, closing with the parallel bars, horizontal bar, and horse. Some very good work in all three of these events was done by the men, Merriam, 1902, showing up in his usual form. In the first two events Melby and Winkleman gave some exhibition work which was greatly applauded. The most interesting and exciting event of the evening was when Van Weelden tried for the college record in the running high jump, and failed by only a fraction of an inch.

The meet closed with the announcement of the points as won by the various classes, and the award of the McCracken and parallel bars cup. The points won by the classes were as follows: 1902, 66 points; 1903, 33 points; 1904, 0 points; and 1905, 8 points, giving the gymnasium cup to the class of 1902. The McCracken cup was won by C. H. Hill, 1902, who made 22 points. The parallel bars cup was won by E. S. Merriam, 1902. The summary:

20-yard dash—Boyd, first; Van Weelden, second; Rankin, third. Time 3 seconds.

Pole vault—Merriam, first; Van Weelden, second; Syphax, third. Height 9 feet 4 1-2 inches.

Rope climb—Walker, first; Short, second; Tuke, third. Time 7 2-5 seconds.

Standing high jump—Van Weelden, first; Hill, second; Blakeslee, third. Height 4 feet 4 1-2 inches.

Shot put—Syphax, first; Johnson, second; Hill, third. Distance 33 feet 2 1-2 inches.

Parallel bars—Merriam, first; Hill, second; Van Weelden, third. 16 1-2 points out of possible 20.

Running high jump—Van Weelden, first; Walker, second; Bushnell, third. Height 5 feet 10 inches.

Fence vault—Hill, first; Walker, second; Van Weelden, third. Height 6 feet 9 1-4 inches.

Horizontal bar—Merriam, first; Van Weelden and Hill tied for second place. Points 17 out of possible 20.

Horse—Merriam, first; Hill, second, Points 15 1-2 out of possible 20.

High kick—Hill, first; Henderson, second; Merriam, third. Height 8 feet 4 inches.

Potato race—Walker, first; Lorenz, second; Bulkeley, third. Time 29 4-5 seconds.

The officials for the evening were: Referee, Professor F. S. Luther; judges, Professor F. C. Babbitt, P. S. Bryant, '70, L. A. Ellis, '98; parallel bars judges, A. C. Melby and W. Winkleman of the Hartford Y. M. C. A.; timers, Professor J. J. McCook and H. H. Rudd, 1901; committee of arrangements, Weibel, Rankin and Larchar; scorers, Evans, 1901, and Goodrich, 1902; starter, G. B. Velte.

INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES

AMHERST, Williams and Wesleyan have adopted very stringent laws regarding professionalism. These laws read that no man who has recived any compensation whatever, either for instruction or participation in any line of athletics, is eligible to represent the college.—*Bowdoin's Orient*.

The first degree of LL. D. given by Harvard was bestowed upon George Washington.

The first football game played in the United States took place in 1776 between Yale and Harvard.

Seventy-two students were dropped from Cornell University for failure to maintain a sufficiently high standard of scholarship, as shown by the recent examinations.

Ten hours of study, eight hours of sleep, two of exercise, and four devoted to meals and social duties, is what President Eliot of Harvard recommends to students.

Yale and Harvard are considering the question of reducing the distance of the annual boat race from four to three miles.

Northwestern University is to have a new athletic park and \$20,000 is

to be spent in making it one of the largest and most perfectly equipped fields for athletics of any college in the West.

Harvard, Pennsylvania, Yale and Princeton have never had a fatal accident happen to any of their football players.

The stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association have decided upon June 21 as the date of this year's Poughkeepsie regatta. The events will include a four-oared race, freshman race, and 'varsity race.

For the first time in its history a young lady has been elected president of the senior class at the University of Wisconsin.

A college paper, as defined by an exchange, is a publication to which one per cent. of the students subscribe, and which ninety per cent. criticise, and we may also add that these same students make no effort to better their own college publications.

William Crawford, 1905, of Holyoke, Mass., has been elected captain of the Amherst basketball team for next year.

The colleges and universities have engaged the following professional baseball coaches for the coming season: Harvard, Keeler of Brooklyn, National League and Young of Boston, American League; Yale, Johnson of Connecticut State League, now Yale; University of Pennsylvania, Arthur Irwin; Cornell, Jennings of Philadelphia, National League; Tufts, Tenny of Boston, National League; Princeton, Clarke of Washington, American League; Columbia, Murphy; Holy Cross, Walan of the Worcester Eastern League; Brown, Mathewson of the New York National League; Williams, Ganzel.—*Amherst Student*.

The largest salary paid to any president of a university in the United States is said to be \$10,000 which is the sum paid to the president of Leland Stanford University.

A new regulation at Leland Stanford, Jr. University, limits the number of women students to 500.

The faculty of Amherst have refused to let Dunleavy, 1904, represent that institution in athletics. Dunleavy will coach the Amherst baseball team this season.

Dr. George Balthasar Garman, registrar of Columbia University, who has been for some time in correspondence with the secretaries and registrars of educational institutions, has compiled statistics with regard to the relative student enrollment and corps of instructors in the larger universities of this country. These figures put Harvard first with 5,576 students; Columbia second with 4,422; the University of Michigan third with 3,816; Chicago University fourth with 3,727; the University of California fifth with 3,540; University of Minnesota sixth with 3,536; Cornell seventh with 3,216; University of Wisconsin eighth with 2,812; Yale ninth with 2,680; and the University of Pennsylvania tenth with 2,520. Johns Hopkins, Princeton and Leland Stanford, Jr., Universities have respective registrations of 655, 1,362 and 1228.

Following is a list of money gifts, according to the *Amherst Student*, made to various universities during the year 1901; Amherst College, \$242,400; Brown University, \$900,000; Columbia University, \$421,246; Cornell University, \$340,500; Harvard College, \$2,577,675; Leland Stanford, Jr. University, \$30,000,000; Northwestern University, \$90,000; Oberlin College, \$718,634; Princeton University, \$375,000; University of Chicago, \$3,245,437; University of Michigan, \$25,000; University of Pennsylvania, \$159,000; Yale University, \$1,699,370.

Wesleyan was admitted to membership in the Intercollegiate Bicycle Association at the regular meeting held in New York recently.

Today there are 629 universities and colleges and 45 schools of technology in the United States, with a total attendance of nearly 150,000.

A debate has been arranged between Wellesley and Vassar Colleges to take place May 1, at Wellesley College.

President Eliot, of Harvard, has accepted his appointment to serve on the arbitration committee of the National Civic Federation.

Former President J. H. Gilman, of Johns Hopkins University, will be the head of the new Carnegie Institute, the Government University for Scientific research, for which Mr. Carnegie gave \$10,000,000. Professor Gilman practically organized Johns Hopkins and has been its president up to the present date.

One of the finest church organs ever built has been given to Yale University. It has between 4,000 and 5,000 pipes.

The University of Michigan holds weekly singing meetings, led by the Glee Club, at which college songs are rehearsed.

The new gymnasium for Chicago University, which is in course of construction, will cost \$210,000.

The students of Hobart College have unanimously adopted the honor system of examinations.

The annual average expenditure of 1900 at Princeton was \$700. Thirty-one men worked their way through college and thirty more in part.

Yale has thirty-three baseball games scheduled this year and Wesleyan twenty-three.

Twenty young men and women have been suspended by the Tufts College faculty for "cutting chapel" oftener than the law allows.

The United States educational report for 1899 shows that there were for that year a total of 21,801 American women in the colleges of this country. Of these there were 16,966 in the 337 co-educational colleges, 3,799 in the 11 independent women's colleges. The number of women graduated annually from American colleges is about 2,800. Women form 21.4 per cent. of all the students in American colleges. In Great Britain they form only 12.5 per cent.

John D. Rockefeller has offered Vassar \$200,000 on condition that a like amount be raised. Rochester University has raised \$100,000, thereby securing \$100,000 offered by Mr. Rockefeller. Mr. Rockefeller has also offered \$75,000 to Brown University for building and furnishing a house for social and religious purposes, to be under the management of the university Y. M. C. A. He requires that \$25,000 be raised for endowment.—*The Baptist Argus*

By the will of Mrs. Laura Currier of New York, the widow of Nathaniel Currier, a bequest of \$100,000 is made to the President and Fellows of Yale University. The fund is to be known as the Nathaniel Currier Fund.

Of 11,000 living graduates of Yale, 9,000 were present at the bi-centennial celebration.

COMMUNICATION

ABOUT AN INTERESTING BOOK BY A TRINITY MAN

IN a late number of THE TABLET was a very brief notice of a book recently published by a Trinity man. It deserved two pages of review; it got ten lines. It was a book a Trinity man should write. It was up to date in its make up and thorough research; it was written in a spirit of just appreciation of the past. Touching the meager mention of the book, it seems to be a Trinity notion that it is bad form to call marked attention to the work of our own men—a miserably mistaken idea and the sooner we weed it out the better. Trinity men out in the world are doing good work to-day, a fact which Lockwood's book evidences, and the more all of us learn of what they are doing the more moved all of us, graduates and undergraduates, will be to do and be something that shall honor our college mother. The book to which I refer is the splendid octavo volume issued by Charles Scribner's Sons entitled *Colonial Furniture in America*. It was written by Luke Vincent Lockwood of the class of '93, who may be called a thoroughbred Trinity man since his father, Luke A. Lockwood of '55, was one before him. This splendid work bids fair to become one of the standard authorities of the country on the most interesting subject of which it treats. But of this book a word later.

THE TABLET had a suggestion in a late number which ought to bear fruit. It was in the matter of Trinity songs. Trinity has not done herself justice in that line. We have among our graduates men whose pens and hearts could give us the songs that could stir the Trinity heart to its depths, and that would give vent to the deep seated college loyalty and love that, after all said, is in the Trinity man's heart. There is nothing so potent to rouse men, nothing so powerful to teach and lead, nothing so strong to inspire as the magic of song. When pens guided by a deep seated love for Trinity, and with a keen insight and appreciation of what she stands for, shall write their thoughts in verse and couple them to song, we shall have that which will inspire us to our best in the class room, on the diamond, in the contests of life. Who does not find his thoughts and actions often moulded by some song verse couplet learned years before. There is work here for the Trinity pen of Trinity men. Our own gifted Brownell, the

"Battle Poet of the Republic," did splendid work in firing the Union heart thirty years ago, and the training that made him has become part of the lives of other of his fellow college men. There are several fields in which this work can be done and it is open to the oldest graduate and the youngest undergraduate as well. I recall among others that Trinity undergraduates gave us the popular song of the Sunday School Scholar and the Faculty Song, both of which have become a part of college music everywhere. I need not say that Trinity undergraduate days gave us "'Neath the Elms," which is recognized as one of the most genuine of college songs. Its strains, familiar to every Trinity man for twenty odd years, serve with every one of them to bring his thoughts back to the spot where

In the halls of our old Trinity,
In the homes of our old Trinity,
There is right merry cheer,
There are friends true and dear,
In the halls of our old Trinity.

Let us have some more such undergraduate work. We should have many of these songs—fun, pathos, college life, Trinity life, told about the life on the Trinity heights. I recall one man who did spasmodic work on a noble song full of the life on our Trinity heights. It was to the air of that splendid Eton Boating song and his refrain ran, "Under the long red roof line, crowning the Trinity Heights," or "Under the long low roof line, skirting the Trinity Cliffs." It was written on scraps of paper, long since lost and forgotten. Who will take up the thread where he left it and give us a song that will live. Some one I trust, and that he will do it well, for that long, low roof line lingers in the mind of every Trinity man, and such a song could be an outlet for the college affection and memories of us all. Whose pen is waiting for the work?

Then, too, there is a work for those who will give us some inspiring college hymns, real Trinity hymns, that could and would be sung in chapel. There are few good preparatory schools that do not have some such. Why should we not? There are half a dozen stately hymns that should have their counterpart in teaching, inspiring, guiding Trinity hymns for Trinity men to sing and remember in later years. It is these things that breed college loyalty and love. The linking of what is noblest in a young man to his college mother. We have the men who can write those words that will live in the Trinity heart. What men (or Trinity women for that matter)

will take up their pens and in filial spirit joyfully do this labor of love for our college mother?

To emphasize these straggling thoughts the writer asks THE TABLET, for him, to offer as a TABLET prize for the best Trinity song, ode or hymn of the next year a copy of Mr. Lockwood's splendid book which will emphasize what another Trinity man has been doing to show that Trinity training counts.

AN ALUMNUS.

THE STROLLER

NOW that it is nearly time for THE STROLLER to think about making up examinations and otherwise distinguishing himself, it occurs to him that the chief reason of his failure to get higher marks is that the text books are getting so much harder. THE STROLLER has been looking over a few, and the farther he looks, the worse it gets. Take for instance a passage from "The Achrnians," where this alarming statement is found, "May Jove, to talk plainly, dismiss me whom I may yet see longing for cuttle-fish, run aground, always, though not fotever." A sentence from one of the text books used in the study of French, informs the reader that "a pool of water crouched in a tree beside the old militiaman." Faust makes the truth known in one of his celebrated soliliquies that, "The spirit of the air hovers between the earth and the dust, in wonderful knots secretly." These are the things which bring on premature old age—for the professors. It is easy to get out with a bundle of stove wood and a surveying instrument, and watch through the telescope a bakery wagon coming down Vernon Street, but it is different when, hindered by a severe cold, a man is called upon to give the Hebrew verb in eight minutes, when the record is twenty-eight. Duffy may think he has trouble when the snow gets five feet deep on his walks, but it is nothing as compared to sitting up until two in the morning getting facts out of "Seneca" that only strengthen you in your opinion that the worthy writer should have been placed in a padded cell, before he did so much damage.

Another way to bring about quick insanity is to lock yourself up in the laboratory and watch electric lights burn out for a month or so, while your bereaved family is wearing crepe. But "the most unkindest cut of all" is

the ethics. THE STROLLER assures the reader that "a heterogeneity of moral ideas confused with the sensualistic conception of the psychological side of utilitarianism" is apt to bring on liver trouble. But, "these formal ideas of obligation offer no guide objectively to additional moral insight, and we are thrown back upon eudemonistic calculations for a concrete code, since the entire doctrine of goods is in direct antithesis to the unreflective practical consciousness." With these ideas strongly imbedded in his intellect, THE STROLLER goes home to spend his Easter recess with a blissfull disregard of the fact that he can never hope, being an ordinary human being, to pass the examinations.

PERSONALS

- '48—LEWIS T. DOWNES has retired as organist at Grace Church, Providence, R. I., after a period of sixty-two years in his profession. At one time Mr. Downes was organist of Christ Church, Hartford, Conn.
- '58—The address of the Rev. Dr. WILLIAM H. VIBBERT is 116 East Twenty-ninth Street, New York.
- '59—E. M. FERGUSON, ex-'59, has resigned the presidency of the Merchants and Manufacturers National Bank of Pittsburgh. Mr. Ferguson is touring in the Orient and is now in Japan.
- ,61—The Rev. ALBIN B. JENNINGS is now in Monrovia, Cal.
- '70—PERCY S. BRYANT was toastmaster at a banquet of the East Hartford Business Men's Association held on March 3, in that place.
- '75—The Rev. GEORGE W. LINCOLN is rector of St. John's Church, Newark, N. J.
- '77—WILLIAM G. MATHER is one of an advisory committee of six who have been selected by the financial interests of Cleveland to take charge of the affairs of the Everett-Moore Syndicate which controlled large electric interests in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. Mr. Mather is president of the Cleveland Cliffs Mining Company.

'77—JOHN H. K. BURGWIN of Pittsburgh, is treasurer of the West Moreland Steel Company, manufacturers of tool and crucible steel. A number of other Trinity men are stockholders in this company, which is at present filling orders in high grade steel for the United States government.

—EDWARD P. JONES of Pittsburgh, who has been in poor health recently, is spending the winter at Pensacola, Florida.

'78—The Rev. JOHN W. WILLIAMS has become curate at the Church of the Ascension, Atlantic City, N. J.

—The Rev. JOHN DOWS HILLS has resigned the rectorship of Christ Church, Dayton, Ohio. His present address is 163 North Pearl Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

'81—The Rev. WILLIAM T. ELMER, should be addressed at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.

'93—LAWSON AVERELL CARTER is with the law firm of Nash & Jones, 63 Wall Street, New York city.

—Rev. MARCH CHASE MAYO is a fellow of the General Theological Seminary, New York city.

—WILLIAM FRENCH COLLINS is literary editor of the *Evening News* Newark, N. J.

'99—VICTOR F. MORGAN has accepted a position as assistant electrical engineer for the New York Ship Building Company of Camden, N. J.

—At the recent convention of Church Students Missionary Society, at Annandale, N. Y., ALLEN RESHELL VAN METER was elected traveling secretary of the organization for the coming year.

1902—CARLOS CURTIS PECK has been obliged to leave college on account of ill health.

1905—BENEDICT D. FLYNN, has accepted a good position in the actuary department of the Travellers Insurance Company at Hartford, Conn.

NECROLOGY

The Rev. ALBIN BARLOW JENNINGS, salutatorian of the class of 1861 in Trinity College and tutor in 1863-'64, died at Atlantic City, N. J., on March 11. His early home was at Easton in this state. He studied theology in the Berkeley Divinity School and spent much of his ministerial life in Colorado, being canon of St. John's Cathedral and rector of St. Stephen's Church, Denver. He was also for some time rector at Sing Sing, N. Y., and at the time of his death was connected with the diocese of Los Angeles.

EXCHANGES

IN looking over the college magazines for February several points impressed themselves on the writer with sufficient force to warrant their appearance here. The whole field averages about the same but one or two publications stand forth as better than usual. We are glad to notice that the anniversary of our first president's birthday has this year been commemorated in print by *The Red and Blue*. The February number of this magazine contains a splendid ode to Washington by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell and a very interesting account of the conferring upon the revered general of the degree of LL. D. by the University of Pennsylvania. A well written story, "Our Unpaced Record," several items of excellent verse, notably, "The Night Spirits," and a short sketch of unusual power entitled "A Thought," all contribute to form a most attractive number.

The *Wellesley Magazine* for last month is chiefly composed of contributions from alumnæ, and furnishes interesting material for a comparison of undergraduate work and that of other hands. It is somewhat surprising to note how little difference there is, on the whole, between the better class of undergraduate production and the results of the outside press. Prose generally shows the more mature mind of the older writer, but often-

times increasing years do not bring power to perfect the beauty or improve the tone of verse which comes through an amateur pen from the youthful mind, and of which the following is a good example :

TO A LAUGH.

When this, my little sphere, is upside down,
And fight, and wait, and struggle all seem vain,
When hopes and plans lie wrecked by Fortune's frown ;
Then, then, I crave one clear, untangling strain.

So, too, when Past or Future round about
Their sable phantoms range in grim array,
Of things that hoarse and rasping warnings shout ;
I know a sound can drive them all away.

The charms of magic potions tempt me not,
I would not wizard panacea quaff ;
My sighings cease, my woes are all forgot
If only I can once hear Phyllis laugh.

'Tis but a voice by mirth aroused, and yet,
'Tis more than sunshine ray to music set.

—*The Red and Blue.*

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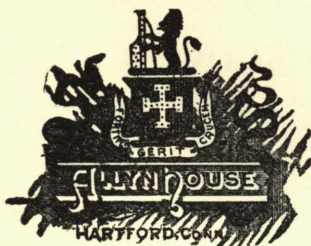
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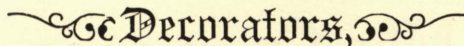
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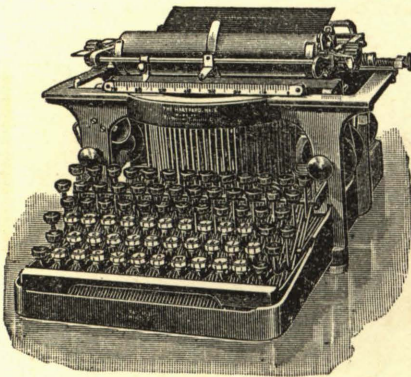
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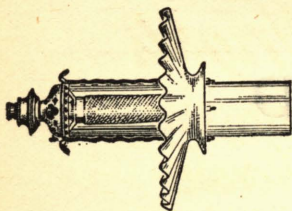
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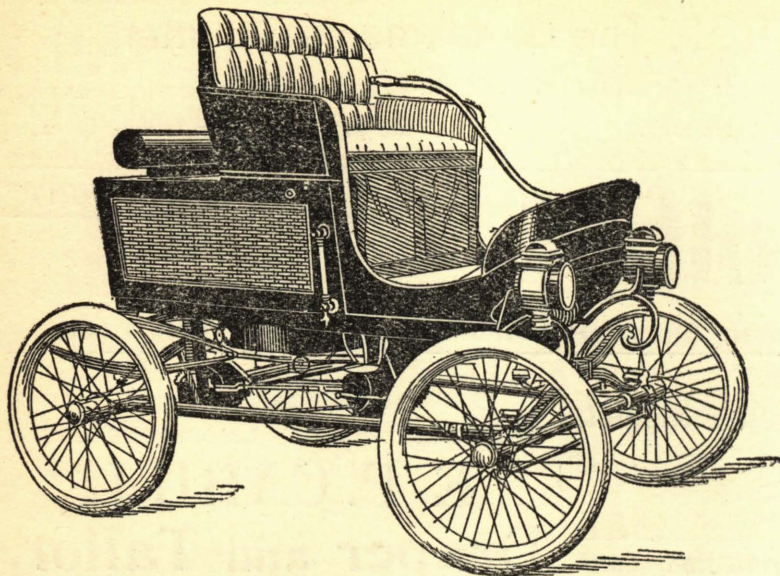
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